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In re Application of Morrison, et al.
Application No. 10/045,657
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For: TISSUE SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

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## OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION GRANTING STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the renewed petition under  $37\ \text{CFR}\ 1.47\,\text{(a)}$ , filed November 27, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner has shown that inventor Robert Laird has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR  $(1.47 \, (a))$ . This application is hereby accorded Rule  $(1.47 \, (a))$  status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The required one month extension of time has been charged to deposit account No. 50-0869 as authorized in the instant petition.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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